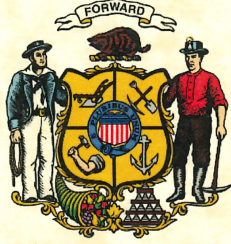


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Environmental Education Day celebrates the academic, social, civic, and ecological merits of incorporating environmental education into classrooms and communities across our country; and

WHEREAS; Environmental Education Day intentionally coincides with the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day, which saw 20 million Americans come together to promote environmental education through rallies and teach-ins throughout the United States in 1970; and

WHEREAS; former Wisconsin Governor and then U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day in 1970, building on a legacy of leadership in conservation stewardship and environmental education in Wisconsin, led by visionaries such as Aldo Leopold and John Muir; and

WHEREAS; embracing science, fostering environmental stewardship, and promoting civic engagement surrounding environmental issues are just some of the guiding principles of environmental education, and are essential to moving our state forward; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in supporting environmental education within its own classrooms, with the passage of the Wisconsin Conservation Education Statute in 1935 making ours the first state to require that the conservation of natural resources be taught in public schools; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that we have a long road ahead of us as our state, our country, and our world face the increasingly pressing and detrimental effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS; the first step on that road is identifying that education, and environmental education in particular, is our greatest asset in the fight against climate change; and

WHEREAS; this Environmental Education Day, the state of Wisconsin joins the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Instruction, and all Wisconsinites in carrying on our state's great legacy of providing and pursuing environmental education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 22, 2020, as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY

throughout Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of April 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas LaFollette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State